

REMARKS

I. Status Of The Claims

Claims 1-4 and 7-33 are pending in this Application.

Claims 25-33 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 19-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kerns (U.S. Patent No. 5,367,332).

Claims 1, 3, 7, 13-16, and 19-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stempeck (U.S. Patent No. 4,571,627) in view of Minoura (U.S. Patent No. 4,812,922) and Stevens (U.S. Patent No. 6,486,916).

Claims 9, 11, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stempeck in view of Minoura and Stevens, in further view of Kinoshita (U.S. Patent No. 4,740,826).

Claims 2, 4, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stempeck in view of Minoura and Stevens, in further view of Fellegara (U.S. Patent No. 5,845,166).

Claims 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stempeck in view of Minoura, Stevens, and Kinoshita, in further view of Fellegara.

II. Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 and 7-22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

The Examiner admits that the cited reference Stempeck does not disclose, teach, or suggest “a control means for setting a review function prior to sensing image”,

which is a feature of the present invention. Further, the Examiner admits that Minoura does not disclose, teach, or suggest “a display setting means for enabling the display device for displaying the image stored in the memory means”, which is a feature of the present invention, even if Stempeck is combined with Minoura.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner admits that Stempeck and Minoura, taken individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest at least the coordinated operation of the display setting device and the review setting device wherein when the review setting device has been turned on, the display device is forcibly turned on and the image is displayed on the display device immediately after the image sensing operation, even if the display device has been set to be turned off.

The Examiner states that the cited reference Stevens discloses “a control means for enabling a display device for displaying the play image stored in the memory means”. However, the coordinated operation of the display setting device and the review setting device, which is a feature of the present invention, is not disclosed, taught, or suggested by any of the cited references, taken individually or in combination.

In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 and 7-22 are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected claims 19-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kerns. However, with this rejection the Examiner apparently disregards the fact that claim 19 requires the limitations of claim 13, claim 20 requires the limitations of claim 14, claim 21 requires the limitations of claim 15, claim 22 requires the limitations of claim 16, claim 23 requires the limitations of claim 17, and claim 24 requires the limitations of claim 18.

Applicants respectfully submit that Kerns fails to disclose all aspects of claims 19-24, and request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) withdrawn.

Further, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 19-24 are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons that claims 13-18 are in condition for allowance.

In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 and 7-24 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4518. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.**

Furthermore, in the event that an extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response

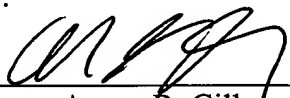
timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

Respectfully submitted,

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